



REWRITING

OVER LIES AND SLANDER

Following deep hurt from his brother, Joseph ends up as a slave in the home of Potiphar, one of the most influential men in Egypt. He could have landed in gravely difficult situations, but God's hand was upon him. Four times in this chapter we see that God was with Joseph. Focussing more on God's presence in his life than upon his hurt, Joseph walked with character, serving diligently with God giving Joseph success. He must have learned as a young boy that when you live out God's principles, even in unwanted circumstances, God brings honour. Eventually Joseph became the favoured one and ended up in charge of nearly

everything in Potiphar's life. While not the ideal situation, the Lord was giving him training for what would come in the future. When it seemed like he was on top again, Potiphar's wife made an advance on him and when he refused her, she falsely accused him of inappropriate actions. Voiceless, with no wealth or power or people in his corner he landed in prison. While the punishment for that crime could have been death, God once again spared his life. Even in prison, Joseph refused to fixate on the hurt, but kept rewriting the story of his life through a lens of God's continual presence. As he remained faithful to God, people were faithful to him.

REMEMBER

When were you quick to think God was absent in your life this week?

Where have you seen God faithfully present?

Thank Him for His presence.

REVIEW

READ GENESIS 39

Potiphar saw that God was present with Joseph. What do you think Potiphar observed?

Given his family background, where do you think Joseph learned to notice and practice

God's presence?

What lessons do we learn about being faithful to God and His promises?

What was Joseph's response to God when he was put in prison again?

What do we learn of Joseph's ability to develop trusting relationships with different people?

How does this story challenge your understanding of God's justice?

REWRITE

Where have you felt powerless, but have had the power of choice to walk with God faithfully?

Is there a place you need that now?

Write down the times you have done the right thing, but life crumbled after it?

Confess how you may have cursed God or grumbled that God didn't come through?

Thank Him for how God was with you even when wrong was done to you.

Where might you be writing a story of hurt and pain in your life where God wants to write a

story of His presence and goodness? What would happen if you focussed on that more?

Where do you need to make a conscious choice this week to keep trusting God even if it is hard.

REFLECT

Where have you been passively reacting to situations instead of proactively walking confidently in Christ?

How might you see God at work in your life differently?

How might work/school/retirement look different if you saw God with you?